

Services offers academic scholarships

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS)—Air Force Services is sponsoring three academic scholarship prizes in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Air Force.

"These scholarships will be awarded to eligible family members of Air Force Club members," said Frank Black, chief of the Clubs Branch at the Air Force Services Agency. First prize is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000."

Services, in conjunction with First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans, will award the scholarship prizes by Oct. 1.

Scholarship entries must be submitted to a base club by Aug. 1. Air Force club members

and their family members are eligible to apply. Nominees must be high school graduates who have been accepted or are already attending an accredited college or university.

Nominations must include the sponsor's name, last six digits of their club membership card, base, club name, and the nominee's full name and mailing address. If the nominee is someone other than the club member, state their relationship to the member. A single-page summary of the nominee's long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments must also be included. The summary should include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments. Nominees

must also provide an essay of 500 words or less, entitled "What Air Force Clubs mean to Air Force Members."

All nominations should be on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point arial, times new roman or similar font.

"This is just another example of how valuable club membership is," said Black. "If you're not a member of a club now, you're missing out on some great benefits and service."

For more information, please call the Liberty Club at Ext. 2489 or the officers' club at Ext. 2535.

Freezer burn

Commissary customers were interrupted Tuesday night when a fire started in an electrical freezer. Shoppers were evacuated and the fire department responded. Customers were not allowed back into the store as clean-up efforts lasted throughout the night.



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Eberhart takes over as Air Force vice chief of staff

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WASHINGTON — The new vice chief of staff of the Air Force assumed his duties in a Pentagon ceremony July 11. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart succeeded Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr. who retired after 35 years of service.

A week earlier, Eberhart received his fourth star from his boss, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman.

"It is quite a coincidence that 29 years ago this month another General Moorman [Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Sr.] handed me my diploma and commission," Eberhart said at the promotion ceremony. "This means so much to me. As I look around the room, three things come to mind: mentors, opportunities and friendship."

After paying tribute to leaders who helped shape his career, he acknowledged those in and out of uniform who supported him.

"When you think of mentors and friends, you come full circle to family. Everything is a team effort."

Eberhart was most recently the commander of U.S. Forces Japan, and 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base where he served as the senior U.S. military representative in charge of all Air Force units in Japan.

Fogleman said the Air Force should be proud to have its newest member of the Air Staff.

"He's a proven leader and has excelled at every level of responsibility," Fogleman said. "I have every confidence he will step up to the challenge because he is that kind of dedicated individual."

Eberhart, according to Fogleman, will be responsible for "keeping the Air Staff focused on the mission and run the day-to-day Air Force operation in concert with commanders of major commands."

An Air Force Academy graduate, Eberhart is not a stranger to the Pentagon. He previously served as Air Force deputy chief of staff for plans and operations, and director of force structure, resources and assessment on the Joint Staff.

A command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in fighter and training aircraft, he flew 300 combat missions as a forward air controller in Vietnam.